Setting up of Supreme Court and High Court Bench in Andhra Pradesh

*64. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council has requested for setting up of a Bench of Supreme Court in Hyderabad;

(b) whether it has also requested for setting up a Bench of High Court in coastal Rayalaseema region of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action contemplated by Government on these requests?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Government have not received any such request.

(c) Does not arise.

Social security policy for minorities

*67. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is actively considering to introduce a social security policy for the families of minorities, particularly muslims, living below poverty line and the lower middle class, and also for those who are mentally retarded and physically disabled;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is expected to be introduced;

(c) how far the minorities are expected to be benefited; and

(d) the States where it would be introduced first and by when in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) No, Sir. Social security schemes of and benefits facilitated by the Central Government cover all sections of society in the country, including those from the minority communities, provided they satisfy the eligibility criteria.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Establishment of IIM in Andhra Pradesh

*68. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has proposed to his Ministry to establish Indian Institute of Management at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, in view of the fact that this city has a major port and houses numerous big private and public sector companies;

(b) if so, the details and status of the proposal;

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning it; and

(d) by when it is likely to be given clearance?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Letters dated 11.01.2007 and dated 23.11.2007 have been received from

the Chief Minister and the Minister for Commercial Taxes of Andhra Pradesh respectively for setting up of an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Visakhapatnam and these have been replied by Minister of Human Resource Development *vide* letters dated 12.03.2007 and dated 29.01.2008.

The eleventh Five Year Plan envisages establishment of 7 Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). One of the 7 IIMs has been established at Shillong (Meghalaya). The request of the Andhra Pradesh Government will be kept in mind while deciding locations of the remaining six IIMs. It is not possible, at this stage, to indicate a specific time limit by which the final decision will be taken.

UNESCO report on literacy

*69. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNESCO report has rapped the country for its poor literacy record and on the basis of the population growth, the UNESCO Institute of Statistics has projected that the country's literacy rate is just a shade over 60 per cent, compared with global standards, and that one-third of world's illiterates live in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has added that it would not be able to achieve 85 per cent literacy by 2012 and blamed the National Literacy Mission for the failure as it did not target illiterates above 35 years and caters only to the 15—35 age group; and

(c) if so, what are the steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. According to the Education for All-Global Monitoring Report of UNESCO and 2001 Census, the adult literacy rate in India was 61 per cent in respect of population aged 15 and over. However, according to the 2001 Census, the literacy rate for the population aged 7 years and above was 64.84 per cent, which reflected an increase of 12.63 per cent since 1991. Out of the 774 million illiterates in the world, 268 million persons are in India.

(b) No, Sir. However, due to paucity of funds it will not be possible to achieve 85 per cent literacy by 2012.

(c) Total Literacy Campaign (TLC), Post Literacy Programme (PLP) and Continuing Education Programme (CEP) are being implemented in 597 districts for imparting functional literacy to adult illiterates in the 15—35 age group.

Proposal of West Bengal for Funds for Renewable Energy Programmes

*70. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unsatarred Question 1403 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd December, 2007 and state the reasons for non-acceptance of the proposal of Government of West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): The proposal of West Bengal Government was for extending the same level of Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of 90% for implementation